

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Military Construction Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001.

The House passed H.R. 4205, Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4121–S4217*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows; S. 2586–2599, and S. Res. 308. **Pages S4190–91**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:  
S. 2593, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. (S. Rept. No. 106–298)

H.R. 371, to expedite the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units in Laos, with an amendment.

H.R. 1953, to authorize leases for terms not to exceed 99 years on land held in trust for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians and the Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians of the Guidiville Indian Rancheria.

H.R. 2484, to provide that land which is owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Community may be leased or transferred by the Community without further approval by the United States.

S. Res. 296, designating the first Sunday in June of each calendar year as “National Child’s Day”, with an amendment.

S. 484, to provide for the granting of refugee status in the United States to nationals of certain foreign countries in which American Vietnam War POW/MIAs or American Korean War POW/MIAs may be present, if those nationals assist in the return to the United States of those POW/MIAs alive.

S. 1902, to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act regarding certain persons and records of the Japanese Imperial Army in a manner that does not impair any investigation or prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice or certain intelligence matters, with an amendment. **Page S4190**

### Measures Passed:

**Military Construction Appropriations:** By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 106), Senate passed H.R. 4425, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2521, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4122–70**

#### Adopted:

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 105), Levin Amendment No. 3154, to strike certain provisions which requires ground troops be withdrawn from Kosovo by a fixed date. **Pages S4122–64**

Murray (for Robb) Amendment No. 3146, to make available \$220,000,000 for the Navy for fiscal year 2000 for ship depot maintenance. **Pages S4164–68**

Burns (for Domenici) Amendment No. 3156, to provide emergency resources to address needs resulting from the catastrophic wildfire at Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico. **Pages S4164–68**

Burns (for Gregg) Amendment No. 3157, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act may be used to allow for the entry into, or withdrawal from warehouse for consumption in the United States of diamonds if the country of origin in which such diamonds were mined (as evidenced by a legible certificate of origin) is the Republic of Sierra Leone, the Republic of Liberia, the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, or the Republic of Angola. **Pages S4164–68**

Burns (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3158, to provide for the acquisition of six C–130J long-range maritime patrol aircraft, and for other purposes. **Pages S4164–68**

Burns (for Domenici) Amendment No. 3159, to provide \$5,700,000 for testing under the Tactical High Energy Laser (THEL) program of the Army.

**Pages S4164–68**

Burns (for McConnell) Amendment No. 3160, to allow the designation and use of Department of Defense facilities as polling places for local, State, and Federal elections.

**Pages S4164–68**

Burns (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 3161, to postpone the effective date of certain enforcement provisions until 6 months after the publication of final electronic and information technology standards.

**Pages S4164–68**

Murray (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3162, to provide for flood mitigation near Pierre, South Dakota.

**Pages S4164–68**

Burns (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 3163, to provide for SOFA claims.

**Pages S4164–68**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Burns, Hutchison, Craig, Kyl, Stevens, Murray, Reid, Inouye, and Byrd.

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Subsequently, by prior unanimous consent, S. 2521 was indefinitely postponed.

**Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act:** Senate passed H.R. 371, to expedite the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units in Laos, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

**Pages S4211–13**

**Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act Amendments:** Senate passed S. 1509, to amend the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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**Indian Education Improvement:** Senate passed H.R. 3629, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the program for American Indian Tribal Colleges and Universities under part A of title III, clearing the measure for the President.

**Pages S4214–15**

**Day of Honor 2000:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 44, supporting the Day of Honor 2000 to honor and recognize the service of minority veterans in the United States Armed Forces during World War II, and the resolution was then agreed to.

**Page S4215**

**Foreign Operations Appropriations:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2522, making appropriations for foreign

operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

**Pages S4170–84**

**Freedom to E-File Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 777, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an electronic filing and retrieval system to enable farmers and other persons to file paperwork electronically with selected agencies of the Department of Agriculture and to access public information regarding the programs administered by these agencies, with the following amendment:

**Pages S4215–16**

Brownback (for Fitzgerald) Amendment No. 3165, in the nature of a substitute.

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**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Extradition Treaty Between the United States and South Africa (Treaty Doc. No. 106–24).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed.

**Pages S4210–11**

#### **Appointment:**

**First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–389, announced the appointment of Sylvia Stewart of Mississippi to serve as a member of the First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board, vice Wilkinson Wright of Ohio.

**Pages S4213–14**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, a notice continuing the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–106)

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Transmitting, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–107)

**Pages S4188–89**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Gregory Robert Dahlberg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Bernard Daniel Rostker, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

**Pages S4211, S4217**

Messages From the President:	Pages S4188–89
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Additional Cosponsors:	Pages S4207–08
Amendments Submitted:	Pages S4208–10
Additional Statements:	Pages S4186–88
Notice of Hearings:	Page S4210
Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—106)	Pages S4163–64 S4170

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, May 22, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4216.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 2593), making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year ending September 30, 2001; and

An original bill, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

### LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, focusing on a cure-directed research initiative that will identify and support ALS research, after receiving testimony from Gerald D. Fischbach, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Tom Maniatis, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the ALS Association; Steve Beuerlein, Carolina Panthers, Charlotte, North Carolina; Steve Garvey, Los Angeles Dodgers, and Blair Underwood, both of Los Angeles, California; Dick Schaap, ESPN, Bristol, Connecticut; Shelbie Oppenheimer, New Hope, Pennsylvania; and Steve Rigazzio, Las Vegas, Nevada.

### "I LOVE YOU" VIRUS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions concluded hearings to examine the attack of the "I Love You"

virus and its impact on United States financial services industry, after receiving testimony from Jack Brock, Director of Government and Defense Information System, General Accounting Office; and John J. Hamre, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC.

### SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA INTERTIE SYSTEM

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 2439, to authorize the appropriation of funds for the construction of the Southeastern Alaska Intertie system, after receiving testimony from Randy Simmons, Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority and Alaska Energy Authority, Bonnie Jo Savland, Alaska Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes Central Council, and Loren Gerhard, Southeast Conference, all of Juneau; Mayor Lonnie Anderson, Kake, Alaska; Mayor Albert Dick, Hoonah, Alaska, on behalf of the Huna Totem Corporation; Eric Hummel, Tongass Conservation Society, Ketchikan, Alaska, on behalf of the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council; Vern Rauscher, Tlingit-Haida Regional Electric Authority, Auke Bay, Alaska; and Randy Cornelius, Sitka Electric Department, Sitka, Alaska, on behalf of the Southeast Alaska Intertie Committee for Southeast Conference.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Mildred Spiewak Dresselhaus, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Energy Research, Department of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water held hearings on S. 2417, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase funding for State nonpoint source pollution control programs.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### FEDERAL EMPLOYEE TRAINING

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the status of Federal employee development and training, focusing on Federal programs to train and educate employees throughout their careers to maintain their skills and productivity, after receiving testimony from John U. Sepulveda, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; Diane M. Disney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy; and Michael Brostek, Associate Director, Federal Management

and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 371, to expedite the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units in Laos, with an amendment;

S. 484, to provide for the granting of refugee status in the United States to nationals of certain foreign countries in which American Vietnam War POW/MIAs or American Korean War POW/MIAs may be present, if those nationals assist in the return to the United States of those POW/MIAs alive;

S. 1902, to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act regarding certain persons and records of the Japanese Imperial Army in a manner that does not impair any investigation or prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice or certain intelligence matters, with an amendment;

S. Res. 296, designating the first Sunday in June of each calendar year as "National Child's Day", with an amendment; and

The nominations of James J. Brady, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, and Mary A. McLaughlin, Berle M. Schiller, Richard Barclay Surrick, and Petrese B. Tucker, each

to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Also, Committee approved a resolution for issuance of a document subpoenas duces tecum to Attorney General Reno for documents related to the appointment of an Independent Counsel, pursuant to Rule 26.

#### MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee held hearings to examine mental health parity issues, including S. 796, to provide for full parity with respect to health insurance coverage for certain severe biologically-based mental illnesses and to prohibit limits on the number of mental illness-related hospital days and outpatient visits that are covered for all mental illnesses, receiving testimony from Senators Domenici and Wellstone; Kathryn G. Allen, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Steven E. Hyman, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Ken Liberto, Vermont Association for Mental Health, Montpelier; Dean Rosen, Health Insurance Association of America, Washington, DC; Tara Wooldridge, Delta Air Lines, Atlanta, Georgia; and Kenneth Duckworth, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, Boston.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 4488–4498, were introduced. **Page H3412**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1304, to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of health care professionals and health plans and health insurance issuers in the same manner as such laws apply to collective bargaining by labor organizations under the National Labor Relations Act, amended (H. Rept. 106–625);

H. Res. 505, providing for consideration of H.R. 4475, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–626); and

H. Res. 506, providing for consideration of H.R. 4392, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 106–627). **Page H3412**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Burr to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3311**

**Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001:** The House passed H.R. 4205, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001 by a recorded vote of 353 ayes to 63 noes, Roll No. 208. Agreed to amend the title. **Pages H3314–21, H3346–97**

Rejected the Kucinich motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions that it report back forthwith with an amendment that reduces national missile defense funding by \$2.2 billion. **Pages H3395–96**

Agreed to the Committee on Armed Services amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H3395**

Agreed to:

Dreier amendment, no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 106–621 and debated on May 18, that shortens the Congressional waiting period to review proposed adjustments of high performance computers for export purposes from 180 days to 60 days (agreed to by a recorded vote of 415 ayes to 8 noes, Roll No. 195);

**Pages H3317–18**

Traficant amendment, no. 20 printed in H. Rept. 106–621 and debated on May 18, that authorizes the assignment of military personnel to assist Immigration and Naturalization Service and Customs Service at the request of the Attorney General or Secretary of the Treasury (agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 197);

**Pages H3319–20**

Stearns amendment, no. 13 printed in H. Rept. 106–621 and debated on May 18, that requires a study to compare the coverage for physical, speech, and occupational therapies under TRICARE Program and Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services to the coverage and benefits under Medicare and the Federal Employees health Benefits program (agreed to by a recorded vote of 426 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 198);

**Pages H3320–21**

Skelton amendment, no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 106–624, that strikes Title XV, provisions regarding Vieques Island, Puerto Rico and conveys the Naval Ammunition Support detachment located on the western end of Vieques Island to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 202); **Pages H3362–71**

Cox amendment, no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 106–624, that prohibits any arrangement which would make the United States liable for nuclear accidents occurring in North Korea (agreed to by a recorded vote of 334 ayes to 85 noes, Roll No. 205);

**Pages H3357–62, H3372–73**

Whitfield amendment, no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 106–624 as modified, that expresses the sense of Congress concerning compensation and health care for nuclear workers at Department of Energy facilities and vendor sites who were exposed to radioactive and hazardous substances including beryllium and silica; and **Pages H3373–77**

Taylor of Mississippi amendment, no. 6 printed in H. Rept. 106–624, that makes permanent the TRICARE Senior Prime demonstration program, more commonly known as Medicare Subvention (agreed to by a recorded vote of 406 ayes to 10 noes, Roll No. 207). **Pages H3377–84, H3391–92**

Rejected:

Frank of Massachusetts amendment, no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 106–621 and debated on May 18, that sought to reduce the total amount authorized by 1 percent (rejected by a recorded vote of 88 ayes to 331 noes, Roll No. 194); **Pages H3316–17**

Luther amendment, no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 106–621 and debated on May 18, that sought to terminate production funding for twelve Trident II

(D-5) submarine-launched ballistic missiles (rejected by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 313 noes, Roll No. 196);

**Pages H3318-19**

Sanford amendment, no. 10 printed in H. Rept. 106-621, that sought to repeal the authority for the Secretary of Defense to transfer property to law enforcement activities at less-than-fair-market-value. (rejected by a recorded vote of 56 ayes to 368 noes, Roll No. 199);

**Pages H3314-16, H3321**

Sanchez amendment, no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 106-624, that sought to permit abortions at military hospitals overseas (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 203);

**Pages H3347-50, H3371**

Moakley amendment, no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 106-624, that sought to repeal the authority for the United States Army School of the Americas and establish a task force to assess the kind of education and training that is appropriate for the Department of Defense to provide to military personnel of Latin American nations (rejected by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 204); and

**Pages H3350-57, H3371-72**

Buyer substitute amendment, no. 7 printed in H. Rept. 106-624, to the Taylor of Mississippi amendment that sought to expand the Medicare subvention demonstration program to up to seven additional sites and up to 13 additional military treatment facilities (rejected by a recorded vote of 95 ayes to 323 noes, Roll No. 206).

**Pages H3384-91**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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H. Res. 504, the rule that is providing for further consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 254 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 201. Agreed to order the previous question by a ye and nay vote of 226 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 200.

**Pages H3321-46**

**American Institute in Taiwan:** The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3707, to authorize funds for the site selection and construction of a facility in Taipei, Taiwan, suitable for the mission of the American Institute in Taiwan—clearing the measure for the President.

**Pages H3397-98**

**Presidential Messages—National Emergency Re Burma:**

**Periodic Report:** Read a message wherein he transmitted his 6 month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106-241); and

**Federal Register Notice:** Read a message wherein he transmitted his Federal Register notice with respect to Burma—referred to the Committee on

International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106-242).

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3413-14.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One ye and nay vote and fourteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3317, H3317-18, H3318-19, H3319-20, H3320-21, H3321, H3345-46, H3346, H3370-71, H3371, H3371-72, H3372-73, H3390-91, H3391-92, and H3396-97. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### “MEDICARE’S REGULATORY BURDEN ON PROVIDERS”

*Committee on the Budget:* Health Task Force held a hearing on “Medicare’s Regulatory Burden on Providers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH: PROTECTING SURPLUS CHIMPANZEES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Biomedical Research: Protecting Surplus Chimpanzees. Testimony was heard from John Strandberg, M.D., Director, Comparative Medicine, National Center for Research Resources, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### FREEDOM AND PRIVACY RESTORATION ACT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 220, Freedom and Privacy Restoration Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Paul; Barbara Bobvjerg, Associate Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; Fritz Streckewald, Associate Commissioner, Program Benefits, SSA; and public witnesses.

### LOOMING FAMINE IN ETHIOPIA

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Looming Famine in Ethiopia. Testimony was heard from Hugh Q. Parmer, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Humanitarian Response, AID, Department of State; Catherine Bertini, (via video-conference), Executive Director, World Food Programme, Special Representative of the U.N. Secretary General to the Horn of Africa; and public witnesses.

**COMPLIANCE WITH AMERICANS FOR DISABILITIES ACT—ADA NOTIFICATION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing in H.R. 3590, ADA Notification Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Foley and Shaw; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—PRIVACY AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Privacy and Electronic Communications. Testimony was heard from Andy Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; Jodie Bernstein, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

**VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION SAFETY ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 3410, Volunteer Organization Safety Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sessions and Granger; David R. Loesch, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—MINERAL RIGHTS AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEE PAYMENTS**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources continued oversight hearings to examine the laws, policies, practices, and operations of the Department of the Interior, Department of Energy, and other agencies pertaining to payments to their employees, including payments relative to mineral royalty programs and policies from public lands and Indian lands. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Stuart Schiffer, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division; and O. Kenneth Dodd, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Texas; Robert A. Berman, Economist, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3535, amended, Shark Finning Prohibition Act; H.R. 4408, to reauthorize the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act; and H.R. 4435, to clarify certain boundaries on the map relating to Unit NCO of the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 2798, Pacific Salmon Recovery Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Thompson of California; Dave Benton, Deputy Commissioner, De-

partment of Fish and Game, State of Alaska; Jeff Koenings, Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State of Washington; David Bunn, Deputy Director, Department of Fish and Game, State of California; Geoff Huntington, Executive Director, Watershed Enhancement Board, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2267, amended, Willing Seller Amendments of 1999 to the National Trails System Act; H.R. 2409, El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Act of 1999; H.R. 2833, amended, Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 1999; H.R. 2919, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Act; H.R. 3661, amended, General Aviation Access Act; and H.R. 4115, amended, to authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 4275, Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Representative McInnis; Molly McUsic, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; Tim Pollard, Assistant Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

**INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule on H.R. 4392, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, providing one hour of general debate to be equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4(a) of Rule XIII (requiring a three-day availability of the report). The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by title. The rule waives points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments). The rule provides for the consideration of only pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate and those amendments preprinted in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration, which may be offered only by

the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and shall be considered as read. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goss and Representative Dixon.

#### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 4475, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill, as amended, except as otherwise specified in the rule. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf and Sabo.

#### VA DISABILITY CLAIMS PROCESSING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA disability claims processing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael Slachta, Jr., Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary, Benefits; Cynthia Bascetta, Associate Director, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

#### CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Child Support Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cox and Castle; Olivia A. Golden, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Marilyn Ray Smith, Associate Deputy Commissioner and Chief Legal Counsel, Child Support Enforcement Division, Department of Revenue, State of Massachusetts; Howard Baldwin, Deputy Attorney General, Office of Child Support, State of Texas; Laura Kadwell, Director, Office of Child Support Enforcement, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### MILLENNIUM DIGITAL COMMERCE ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2000

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the extent to which fraud and criminal activities are affecting commerce on the internet, focusing on the widespread availability of false identification documents and credentials on the internet and the criminal uses to which such identification is put, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

##### House

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on the Census, oversight hearing of the 2000 Census: Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation—Still More Questions than Answers, 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* to mark up H. Con. Res. 293, urging compliance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Monday, May 22

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business during which two Senators will be recognized for speeches. Also, Senate expects to consider certain judicial nominations.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, May 19

## House Chamber

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